

**Young Chickens Slaughtered under Federal Inspection,
Classified by Weight, weekending: Feb 22, 2003**

FOOD SERVICE/

| | FAST FOOD | RETAIL | DEBONING | TOTAL |
|--------------|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Weight Range | 4.20 & Down | 4.21 – 5.25 | 5.26 & Up | --- |
| Total (000) | 22,373 | 21,547 | 47,090 | 91,010 |
| Percentage | 25% | 24% | 52% | 101% |

Fast Food and Food Service Sizes

| Live Weight | RTC WOG Weight | No. of Head (000) | Percentage of Total Slaughter |
|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|
| 3.60 lbs. & Lighter | Under 2 lbs., 8 oz. | 2,092 | 2.30 |
| 3.61 - 3.80 lbs. | 2 lbs., 8 oz. - 2 lbs., 10 oz. | 7,641 | 8.40 |
| 3.81 - 4.00 lbs. | 2 lbs., 10 oz. - 2 lbs., 12 oz. | 7,369 | 8.10 |
| 4.01 - 4.20 lbs. | 2 lbs., 12 oz. - 2 lbs., 14 oz. | <u>5,271</u> | <u>5.79</u> |
| | | 22,373 | 24.58 |

Trade sentiment was steady. Demand ranged light to moderate. Offerings were fully sufficient for immediate trade needs. In the parts complex, offerings of breast items were balanced to at least adequate. Wings were available. Other items were adequate to at least adequate. Weights were mixed but mostly desirable.

BROILER EGGS SET/CHICKS PLACED IN 19 STATES COMPARED WITH U.S. BROILER SLAUGHTER

| Slaughter Week | Egg Sets | | Chicks Placed | | Eggs Set 10 Weeks Previous | | Chicks Placed 7 Weeks Previous | | Prelim. Fed. Insp. Million head Slaughtered | |
|----------------|----------|-----|---------------|-----|----------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|---|-------|
| | (000) | % * | (000) | % * | (000) | % * | (000) | % * | (000) | % * * |
| Jan 04 | 204,389 | 99 | 164,621 | 97 | 181,218 | 97 | 147,528 | 98 | 126,973 | 117 |
| Jan 11 | 202,919 | 99 | 162,087 | 96 | 189,806 | 97 | 155,053 | 98 | 152,541 | 120 |
| Jan 18 | 203,508 | 99 | 163,724 | 97 | 197,944 | 97 | 161,875 | 98 | 153,150 | 100 |
| Jan 25 | 204,772 | 99 | 166,044 | 99 | 199,084 | 97 | 162,000 | 97 | 144,124 | 94 |
| Feb 01 | 203,980 | 98 | 166,256 | 101 | 200,210 | 98 | 162,898 | 98 | 151,181 | 105 |
| Feb 08 | 201,937 | 97 | 165,277 | 100 | 202,586 | 96 | 164,701 | 98 | 150,335 | 99 |
| Feb 15 | 202,463 | 96 | 166,036 | 99 | 200,118 | 98 | 162,324 | 98 | 152,044 | 101 |
| Feb 22 | 203,562 | 96 | 164,979 | 97 | 203,451 | 98 | 164,413 | 97 | 147,355 | 97 |
| Mar 01 | 205,205 | 98 | 164,349 | 97 | 200,256 | 96 | 162,132 | 96 | 148,405 | 101 |

Data in bold are subject to revision *Percent of previous year **Percent change from previous week

Whole Broiler/Fryers (cents/lb.)

Week of 03/10/03

| | Current Week | Previous Week | Year Ago |
|---|---------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| New York Grade A Ice-packed | 55.26 | 55.73 | 47.43 |
| Chicago Grade A Ice-packed | 55.39 | 55.49 | 48.12 |
| Los Angeles Grade A Ice-packed | 67.60 | 67.42 | 65.58 |
| 12-City Composite Weighted Avg. | 61.12 | 60.83 | 55.70 |
| Georgia Dock FOB Final Weighted Avg. | 62.47 | 62.14 | 60.94 |
| Southern States FOB Whole Body 5 day Avg. Index | 48.13 | 47.59 | 41.95 |

Broiler/Fryer Parts (cents/lb.)

Weekly Weighted Average

| | Northeast (Delivered) 03/07/03 | Southern States (FOB) 3/07/03 | Georgia (FOB) 03/10/03 |
|-------------------|---|--|---------------------------------------|
| Breast - B/S | 147.61 | 140.19 | 154.50 |
| Tenderloins | 114.28 | 139.08 | 169.00 (Line run) |
| Breast - Line Run | 81.79 | 86.40 | 84.50 (Whole) |
| Leg Quarters | 21.12 | 18.84 | 21.50 |
| Wings | 71.24 | 69.98 | 70.00 |